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**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Zurich Insurance  
1400 American Lane  
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Re: Request for Information Pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA  
Gilt Edge Mine Site, Lawrence County, South Dakota  
Nelson Tunnel/~~Commodore Waste Rock Pile~~ <sup>Site</sup> Creede, Colorado

Dear Sir or Madam:

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This letter seeks your cooperation in providing information and documents relating to Congdon and Carey, Congdon and Carey Ltd 3, Congdon and Carey Ltd 5, Minerals Engineering Company, and CoCa Mines Inc., former owners and/or operators of the Gilt Edge Mine Superfund Site located in Lawrence County, South Dakota and/or the Nelson Tunnel/~~Commodore Waste Rock Pile~~ Superfund Site. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is writing this letter to you because we have information that indicates that your company or its predecessor, Maryland Casualty Company, issued liability insurance to at least one of these entities that may cover claims relating to releases of hazardous substances at the referenced sites. EPA is currently investigating the nature and extent of contamination and past operations at these Superfund sites.

Pursuant to the authority of Section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. § 9604, as amended, you are hereby requested to respond to the Information Request set forth in Enclosure 1, attached hereto. EPA seeks your voluntary cooperation in this investigation. Your compliance with the Information Request is appreciated and is required by law. Please provide a complete and truthful response to this Information Request within **thirty (30) days** of your receipt of this letter. Section 104 of CERCLA, 43 U.S.C. Section 9604, authorizes EPA to pursue penalties for failure to meet that deadline or failure to respond adequately. In addition, providing false, fictitious or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001.

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